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In re Application of:

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING FILING OF
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

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Dear Sir or Madam:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated January 11, 2008, applicant respectfully requests a one (1) month extension of time, thereby extending the period for response to May 12, 2008 (since May 11, 2008 falls on a Sunday). Applicant has timely filed this Preliminary Amendment electronically within the 1-month extension period. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejections to this application and to grant allowance of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.